

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF LINDA K. BOWMAN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today and recognize the retirement of Linda K. Bowman. Over the last three decades, Mrs. Bowman has dedicated her work to improving the quality of life in my district of northwest Florida.

Throughout her entire career, Linda has been unquestionably devoted to serving her community. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Home Economics Education from Florida State University. In 1973, she joined the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (UF/IFAS) as a faculty member with the Escambia County Extension Service. Here she began a career with Family and Consumer Sciences that would extend over 30 years.

In an effort to further her education and better serve her community, Linda became a Registered Dietician in 1980 and soon relocated to the Santa Rosa County Extension Service, where she has been for the last 16 years of her career.

Since college, Linda has maintained active membership in numerous professional organizations. These include the Extension Honorary Society, Epsilon Sigma Phi; the Florida Extension Association; the American Dietetic Association; and she is a graduate of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Class.

She dedicated her energy toward making northwest Florida the best place to live and she is well known for the efforts she put forth toward that goal. Throughout her career, Linda has been blessed with the support from her husband Chuck, and their three loving children: Kevin, Heather, and Amy. She has spent her entire career sharing her insights with others and looking at ways to better aid and care for her community.

There is no question that Linda is a leader for northwest Florida and has set the bar high for all those who will follow. Her leadership and knowledge helped to create a better place, and her service to those in this community will, be missed. I remain confident that Linda's input will still play a great role in continuing the efforts to sustain and enhance the quality of human life. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is with great admiration that I recognize Mrs. Linda K. Bowman, our community has benefited greatly from her service, and I wish her well in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTHA JEAN
ADAMS-HEGGINS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful woman who has dedicated her entire career to ensuring that our youngest students receive the best education possible. On Friday, May 25,

2007, Dr. Martha Jean Adams-Beggins is retiring as the Director of South Carolina State University's Family Life Center. Dr. Heggins' retirement is the culmination of a 43-year career in early childhood education.

A native of Florence, South Carolina, Dr. Beggins began her teaching career there after graduating from South Carolina State University (SCSU) in 1964. She spent 2 years as a first grade teacher at Carver Elementary in Florence, and then went on to teach in Cope and Orangeburg, South Carolina before deciding to pursue her master's at Bank Street College of Education in New York. After she earned her advanced degree, Dr. Beggins returned to South Carolina to teach kindergarten at Felton Laboratory School at SCSU. The following year, she became an instructor at the university and went on to become the Assistant Director of Student Teaching.

However, Martha Heggins knew she wanted to pursue her doctorate and moved to New Jersey to attend Rutgers University. While earning her PhD, she was an Instructor of Early Childhood Education, a Teaching Assistant in the Urban Education Department, and the Director of Demonstration Day Care Learning Center in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She received a Ford Foundation Research Award for her "Study of the Relationship of Logical Thinking to School Achievement in Elementary School Children."

Upon earning her doctorate, Dr. Heggins returned home to South Carolina and her beloved SCSU. In 1975, she became an Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education and has not left the university since. Over the years, Dr. Beggins has become a highly valued member of SCSU's education department. She has served as an Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education, Director of the Title XX Project, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education, and in 1982 became a full Professor.

Dr. Heggins has implemented, directed and served as the Coordinator of the Undergraduate and Graduate Early Childhood Programs at SCSU. Since 1999, she has served as the Director of SCSU's Family Life Center. In this position, she oversees a program for at-risk students and parents from the poorest neighborhoods in Orangeburg, South Carolina. The program focuses on 6 core areas: academic development, personal development, career enrichment, cultural enrichment, family bonding, and recreational development. Under Dr. Heggins' leadership, the program has received national recognition by the Family and Community Violence Prevention Program at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. Dr. Beggins has also been involved with the Orangeburg Gang Summit Task Force.

She is a member of the America Association of University Women, the Association for Childhood Education International, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the South Carolina Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the National Organization for Women, Phi Delta Kappa International, and Kappa Omicron Nu. Dr. Heggins has received numerous honors including Teacher of the Year 1991-92 for SCSU's School of Education; Distinguish Faculty Chair 1982-83 at SCSU; and inclusion in a number of Who's Who listings. She is the organizer, founder and vice president of the National Black Child Development Institute at SCSU, which is the

first undergraduate chapter in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in applauding Dr. Martha Jean Adams-Heggins for her exemplary career. I commend her dedication to educating young people and to ensuring that those with the least among us are given the tools necessary to succeed in life. I wish her a wonderful retirement and Godspeed.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF STAFF SERGEANT
ANSELMO MARTINEZ III

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, like so many young soldiers fighting for this Nation in Iraq—whose tours have been extended by the current surge in Iraq—Army SSG Anselmo Martinez III, from Robstown, Texas, was due for a 2-week leave from his first tour duty in Iraq around Mother's Day, but it kept getting pushed back.

He was due to come home sometime in July. On May 18, after the armored vehicle he was riding in ran over an improvised explosive device in Tahrir, Iraq, his time on this Earth ended, and he won't see his mother or his wife and two children ever again.

Each time we lose a soldier, it breaks my heart. It hurts all the more when it is a soldier from South Texas. This one is from my hometown.

SSG Anselmo Martinez was stationed in Fort Hood, where his wife Christina Martinez lives their two daughters. He graduated from Robstown High School in 1998 and joined the Army in 2002 for job security.

Sergeant Martinez deployed to Iraq in October with the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, out of Fort Hood, Texas.

Everyone called him B.J., short for "Baby Junior," because no one wanted to call him a number; he was the third in his family sharing the same name.

He loved to fish, and the first thing he would want to do when he came home was grab a fishing pole and head to Oso Bay.

BJ loved to work with his hands, to shape things. At Robstown High School, he was a member of the woodshop club. He was a funny, sweet, and polite young man who was loved by everyone and who was proud to serve his country.

A fellow soldier from Robstown who knew him said Sergeant Martinez was an excellent role model and a great noncommissioned officer. He thought of his men while in Iraq; yet he was missed badly at home.

On February 4, his wife told him: "Hola papa. I feel so bad that you couldn't be here today for baby's birthday."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the life and service of Army SSG Anselmo Martinez III, from Robstown, Texas, who gave the last full measure of devotion to his country.